

Linux Samba server. By following our simple step-by-step guide, you'll be able to Garrett your network and share files between your Windows and Linux systems with ease!

If you're looking to set up a Linux Samba server, then this video is for you! By the end, you'll have everything you need to know to get started, including instructions on how to configure the server and access it from your Windows systems. Don't miss out on this exciting tutorial!

You'll be amazed by what you can do with a Linux Samba server! Not only can you access your files from any computer in your office, but you can also share files and printers with other users on your network. If you're looking to set up a Linux Samba server for work or for personal use,

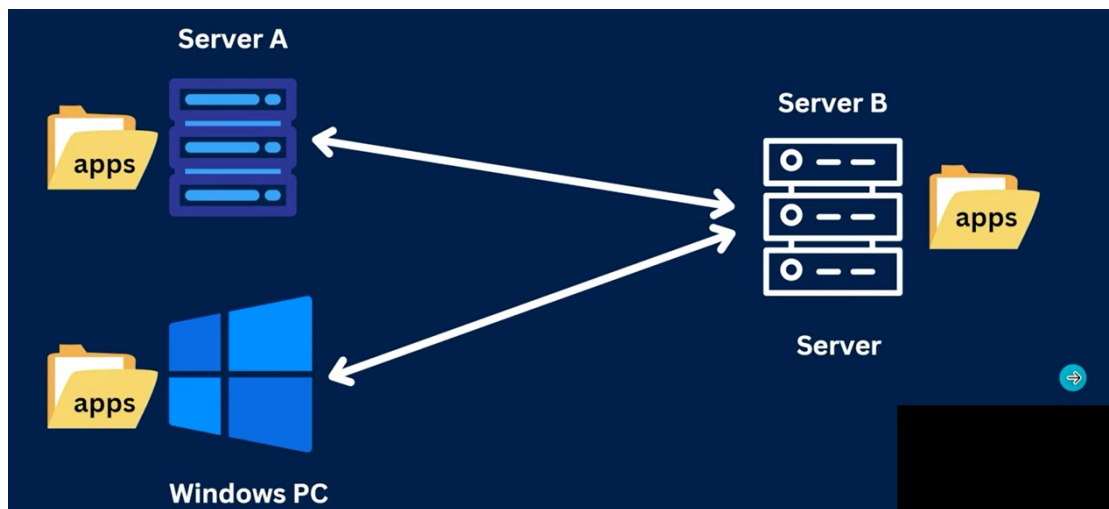
Topics

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- Securing the Samba Server Side

SAMBA

A Linux utility or tool to share Linux files and print services to other OS.

Using *Server Message Block (SMB)* and *Common Internet File System (CIFS)* protocols



Server Side Configuration

- To install Samba Packages

```
yum install samba samba-client samba-common
```

- Enable Samba through Firewall

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=samba  
firewall-cmd --reload
```

```
[root@cs-server ~]# yum install samba samba-client samba-common -y
Last metadata expiration check: 2:04:49 ago on Saturday 01 April 2023 11:39:16 AM EDT.
Package samba-4.17.5-0.el8.x86_64 is already installed.
Package samba-client-4.17.5-0.el8.x86_64 is already installed.
Package samba-common-4.17.5-0.el8.noarch is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
[root@cs-server ~]#
```

```
[root@cs-server ~]#
[root@cs-server ~]# systemctl status firewalld.service
```

```
• firewalld.service - firewalld - dynamic firewall daemon
  Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/firewalld.service; enabled)
  Active: inactive (dead) since Sat 2023-04-01 09:51:05 EDT; 3h
  Docs: man:firewalld(1)
  Process: 1056 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/firewalld --nofork --nopid $F
  Main PID: 1056 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
```

```
Apr 01 09:47:26 cs-server systemd[1]: Starting firewalld - dynamic
Apr 01 09:47:27 cs-server systemd[1]: Started firewalld - dynamic
Apr 01 09:47:27 cs-server firewalld[1056]: WARNING: AllowZoneDrift
Apr 01 09:51:05 cs-server systemd[1]: Stopping firewalld - dynamic
Apr 01 09:51:05 cs-server systemd[1]: firewalld.service: Succeeded
lines 1-12/12 - 0%
```

Server Side Configuration

- Create a directory for Samba and give all the permissions

```
mkdir /samba/apps
```

- Change SELinux security context for samba shared directory in case SELinux is enabled

```
chcon -t samba_share_t /samba/apps
```

Go to Root / Dir

```

[root@cs-server /]#
[root@cs-server /]# mkdir -p /samba/apps
[root@cs-server /]# cd /samba/apps/
[root@cs-server apps]# touch samba_testfile
[root@cs-server apps]# ls
samba_testfile
[root@cs-server apps]# cd
[root@cs-server ~]# cd /samba/apps/
[root@cs-server apps]# ls -ltr
total 0
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 13:47 samba_testfile
[root@cs-server apps]# █

[root@cs-server /]#
[root@cs-server /]#
[root@cs-server /]# chmod a+rwX samba/
[root@cs-server /]# chmod a+rwX samba/apps/
[root@cs-server /]# chmod a+rwX samba/apps/*
[root@cs-server /]# █

```

- **Change SELinux security context for samba shared directory in case SELinux is enabled**

```
chcon -t samba_share_t /samba/apps
```

```

[root@cs-server /]#
[root@cs-server /]# cd
[root@cs-server ~]#
[root@cs-server ~]# chcon -t samba_share_t /samba/apps/
[root@cs-server ~]# █

```

Server Side Configuration

- Modify `/etc/samba/smb.conf` file to add our shared dir

[global]

```
workgroup = SAMBA
netbios name = centos
security = user
map to guest = bad user
dns proxy = no
```

[Apps]

```
path = /samba/apps
browsable = yes
writable = yes
guest ok = yes
guest only = yes
read only = no
```

```
[root@cs-server ~]#
[root@cs-server ~]# vi /etc/samba/smb.conf
```

```
# See smb.conf.example for a more detailed config file or
# read the smb.conf manpage.
# Run 'testparm' to verify the config is correct after
# you modified it.
#
# Note:
# SMB1 is disabled by default. This means clients without support for SMB2 or
# SMB3 are no longer able to connect to smbd (by default).
```



```
# SMB3 are no longer able to connect to smbd (by default).
```

```
[global]
    workgroup = SAMBA
    netbios name = centos
    security = user
    map to guest = bad user
    dns proxy = no
    hosts allow = 192.168.0.0/24

[Apps]
    comment = Shared Dir
    path = /samba/apps
    browsable = yes
    writable = yes
    guest ok = yes
    guest only = yes
    read only = no
```

```
-- INSERT --
```

Server Side Configuration

- Verify the setting by using
>testparm

test

```
[root@cs-server ~]# testparm
Load smb config files from /etc/samba/smb.conf
Loaded services file OK.
Weak crypto is allowed by GnuTLS (e.g. NTLM as a compatibility fallback)

Server role: ROLE_STANDALONE

Press enter to see a dump of your service definitions
```

```
# Global parameters
[global]
    dns proxy = No
    map to guest = Bad User
    netbios name = CENTOS
    security = USER
    workgroup = SAMBA
    idmap config * : backend = tdb

[Apps]
    comment = Shared Dir
    guest ok = Yes
    guest only = Yes
    path = /samba/apps
    read only = No
[root@cs-server ~]#
```

Server Side Configuration

- Enable and start the services

> **systemctl enable smb nmb**

> **systemctl start smb nmb**

```
[root@cs-server ~]#
[root@cs-server ~]# systemctl start smb nmb
[root@cs-server ~]# systemctl status smb nmb
```

```

● smb.service - Samba SMB Daemon
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/smb.service; disabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sat 2023-04-01 13:55:14 EDT; 7s ago
     Docs: man:smbd(8)
           man:samba(7)
           man:smb.conf(5)
  Main PID: 16067 (smbd)
    Status: "smbd: ready to serve connections..."
     Tasks: 3 (limit: 11222)
    Memory: 6.3M
    CGroup: /system.slice/smb.service
            └─16067 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
              └─16070 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
                └─16071 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group

```

Apr 01 13:55:14 cs-server systemd[1]: Starting Samba SMB I

Apr 01 13:55:14 cs-server smbd[16067]: [2023/04/01 13:55::

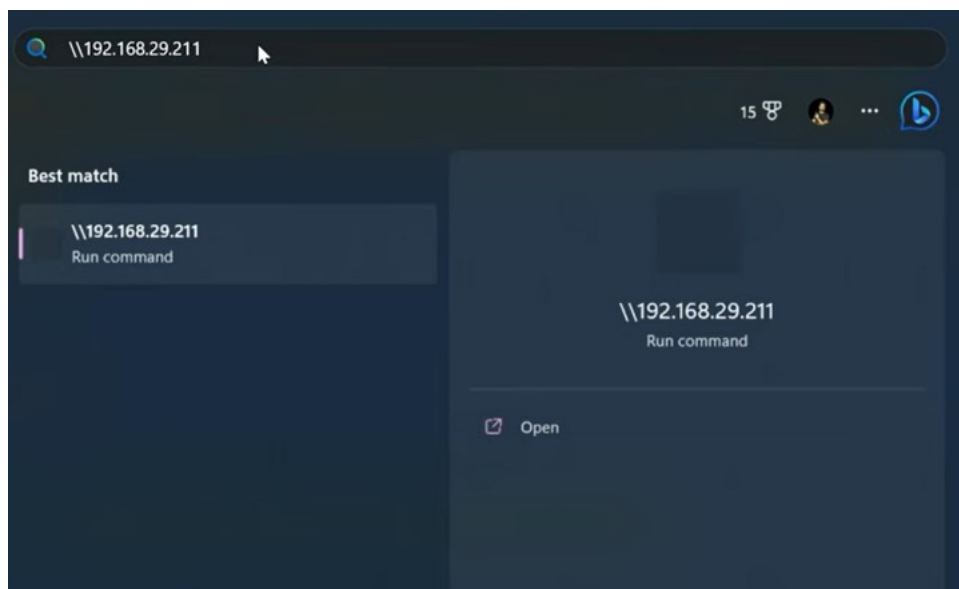
Apr 01 13:55:14 cs-server smbd[16067]: smbd version 4.1'

lines 1-18

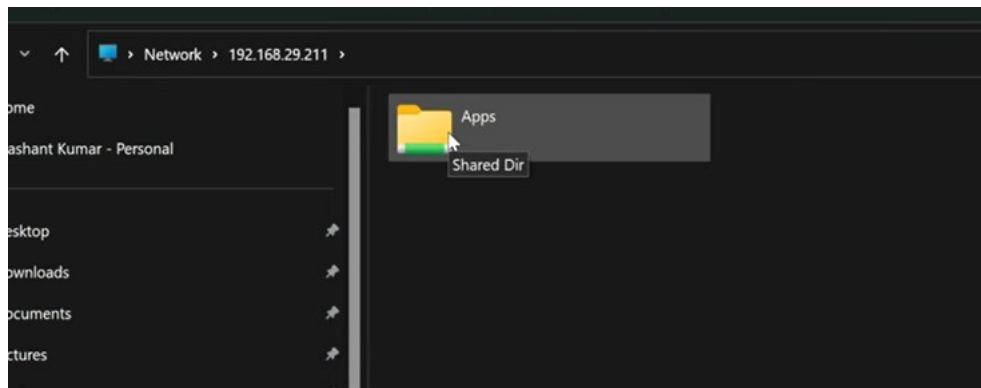
Accessing the directory from Windows

• Start -> Search

> \\192.168.1.1 (ip of your Linux server)



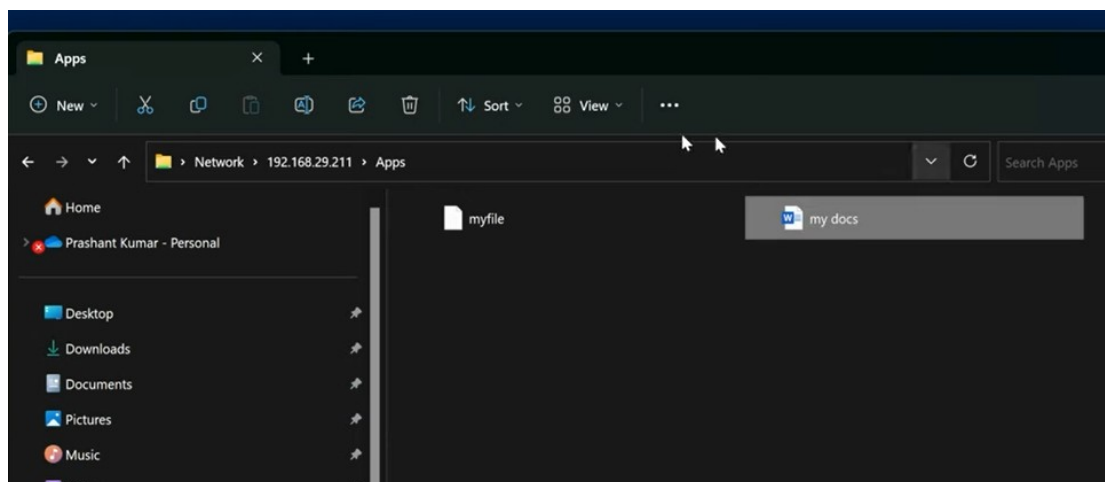
App folder created in windows through Linux Server



Create a file in root - server (Samba app) Check the status on Windows folder

```
[root@cs-server ~]#
[root@cs-server ~]# cd /samba/apps/
[root@cs-server apps]# ls
samba_testfile
[root@cs-server apps]# touch myfile
[root@cs-server apps]#
```

open the folder Check the file & edit it do some changes Check the same in Linux Server



```
[root@cs-server apps]# ls -ltr
total 0
-rwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Apr 1 13:47 samba_testfile
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 0 Apr 1 13:57 myfile
-rwxr--r--. 1 nobody nobody 0 Apr 1 13:57 'my docs.docx'
[root@cs-server apps]#
```

Client Side Configuration

- To install SAMBA Packages

```
yum install cifs-utils samba-client
```

```
[root@cs-client ~]#  
[root@cs-client ~]# yum install cifs-utils samb  
a-client -y
```

```
sssd-ad-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-client-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-common-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-common-pac-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-ipa-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-kcm-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-krb5-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-krb5-common-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-ldap-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64  
sssd-proxy-2.8.2-1.el8.x86_64
```

Installed:

```
cifs-utils-7.0-1.el8.x86_64  
samba-client-4.17.5-0.el8.x86_64
```

Complete!

```
[root@cs-client ~]#
```

Client Side Configuration

- Create a mount point (a directory)

```
mkdir /mnt/samba/apps
```

- Mount the Samba dir

```
mount -t cifs <IP_Server>/Apps /mnt/samba/apps
```

```
[root@cs-client ~]#  
[root@cs-client ~]# cd /  
[root@cs-client ~]#  
[root@cs-client ~]# cd /mnt/  
[root@cs-client mnt]#  
[root@cs-client mnt]# mkdir -p samba/apps  
[root@cs-client mnt]# cd samba/apps/  
[root@cs-client apps]# pwd  
/mnt/samba/apps  
[root@cs-client apps]#
```

Note: Enter Without passwd

```
[root@cs-client apps]# mount -t cifs //192.168.29.211/Apps /mnt/samba/apps/  
Password for root@//192.168.29.211/Apps:  
[root@cs-client apps]#
```

```
[root@cs-client ~]# df -h
```

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
devtmpfs	360M	0	360M	0%	/dev
tmpfs	389M	0	389M	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	389M	6.2M	383M	2%	/run
tmpfs	389M	0	389M	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/mapper/cs-root	17G	6.8G	11G	40%	/
/dev/nvme0n1p1	1014M	258M	757M	26%	/boot
tmpfs	78M	12K	78M	1%	/run/user/42
tmpfs	78M	4.0K	78M	1%	/run/user/1000
//192.168.29.211/Apps	17G	6.5G	11G	38%	/mnt/samba/apps

```
[root@cs-client ~]#
```

```

[root@cs-client apps]#
[root@cs-client apps]# pwd
/mnt/samba/apps
[root@cs-client apps]# ls -ltr
total 0
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 23:27 myfile
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 23:27 'my docs.docx'
[root@cs-client apps]# touch client_testfile
[root@cs-client apps]# ls -ltr
total 0
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 23:27 myfile
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 23:27 'my docs.docx'
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 23:41 client_testfile
[root@cs-client apps]# █

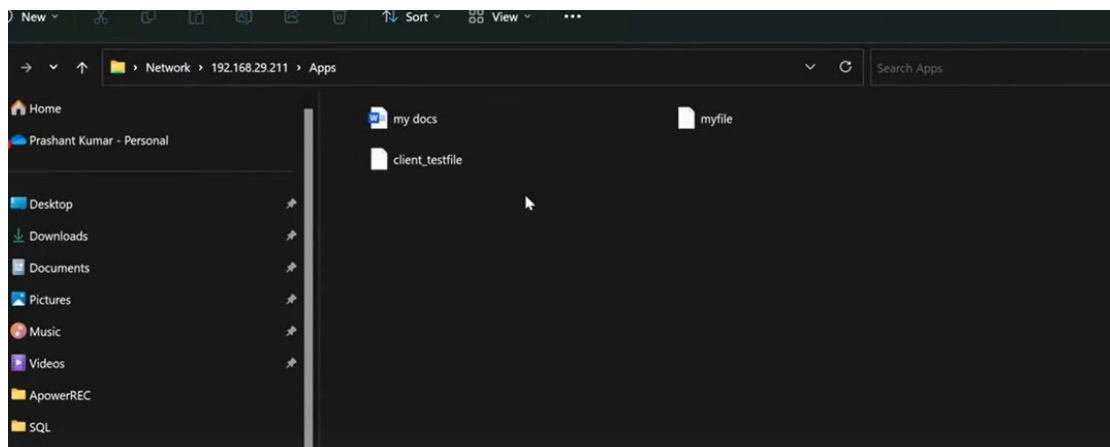
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check in server Side

```

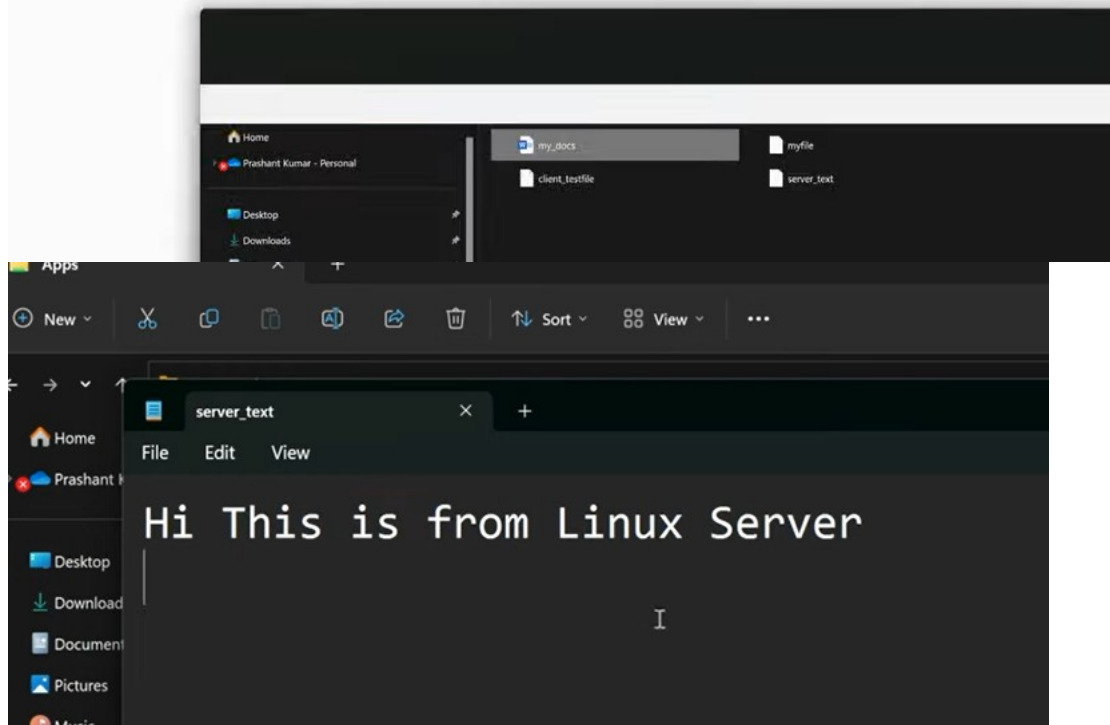
[root@cs-server apps]#
[root@cs-server apps]# pwd
/samba/apps
[root@cs-server apps]# ls -ltr
total 0
-rwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 13:47 samba_testfile
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 0 Apr  1 13:57 myfile
-rwxr--r--. 1 nobody nobody 0 Apr  1 13:57 'my docs.docx'
-rwxr--r--. 1 nobody nobody 0 Apr  1 14:11 client_testfile
[root@cs-server apps]# █

```



Read the file in windows

```
[root@cs-server apps]#  
[root@cs-server apps]# vi server_text.txt  
[root@cs-server apps]#
```



How to Secure SAMBA Server?

- **groupadd smbgrp**
- **useradd -M -d /samba_secure -s /usr/sbin/nologin -G smbgrp testuser**
- **mkdir /samba_secure**
- **chown testuser:smbgrp /samba_secure**
- **chmod 2770 /samba_secure**
- **chcon -t samba_share_t /samba_secure**
- **smbpasswd -a testuser**
- **smbpasswd -e testuser**

```
[root@cs-server /]#
[root@cs-server /]# groupadd smbgrp
[root@cs-server /]# useradd -M -d /samba_secure -s /usr/sbin/nologin -G smbgrp
p testuser
Creating mailbox file: File exists
[root@cs-server /]# id testuser
uid=1003(testuser) gid=1005(testuser) groups=1005(testuser),1004(smbgrp)
[root@cs-server /]#
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 7 Jun 22 2021 lib -> usr/lib
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 7 Jun 22 2021 bin -> usr/bin
dr-xr-xr-x. 5 root root 4096 Nov 21 08:03 boot
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 4 03:19 app
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 4096 Jan 4 14:16 app1
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 4096 Jan 4 14:17 app2
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Jan 5 08:30 test
drwxr-xr-x. 14 root root 169 Jan 10 15:43 usr
drwxr-xr-x. 23 root root 4096 Mar 9 05:13 var
drwxrwxrwx. 3 root root 18 Mar 28 06:47 server
drwxrwxrwx. 4 nobody nobody 36 Apr 1 14:28 samba
dr-xr-xr-x. 13 root root 0 Apr 2 05:44 sys
drwxr-xr-x. 21 root root 3340 Apr 2 05:44 dev
dr-xr-xr-x. 208 root root 0 Apr 2 05:44 proc
drwxr-xr-x. 4 root root 34 Apr 2 08:59 home
dr-xr-x---. 7 root root 4096 Apr 2 10:12 root
drwxr-xr-x. 45 root root 1340 Apr 2 12:05 run
drwxrwxrwt. 16 root root 4096 Apr 2 12:26 tmp
drwxr-xr-x. 153 root root 8192 Apr 2 12:26 etc
[root@cs-server /]#
```

```
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# mkdir /samba_secure  
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# ls -ld samba_secure/  
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Apr  2 12:27 samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# chown testuser:smbgrp samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# ls -ld samba_secure/  
drwxr-xr-x. 2 testuser smbgrp 6 Apr  2 12:27 samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# chmod 2770 samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server /]# ls -ld samba_secure/  
drwxrws---. 2 testuser smbgrp 6 Apr  2 12:27 samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server /]# █
```

```
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# chcon -t samba_share_t /samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# smbpasswd -a testuser  
New SMB password:  
Retype new SMB password:  
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# smbpasswd -e testuser  
Enabled user testuser.  
[root@cs-server /]# █
```

Add the following lines in /etc/smb.conf

```
[Secure]  
path = /samba_secure/  
valid users = @smbgrp  
guest ok = no  
writable = yes  
browsable = yes
```



Restart the services

```
# systemctl restart smb  
# systemctl restart nmb
```

```
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# vi /etc/samba/smb.conf █
```

Go to Last / EOF

```
# SMB1 is disabled by default. This means clients without support for SMB2 or  
# SMB3 are no longer able to connect to smbd (by default).
```

```
[global]  
    workgroup = WORKGROUP  
    netbios name = centos  
    security = user  
    map to guest = bad user  
    dns proxy = no
```

```
[Apps]  
    comment = Shared Dir  
    path = /samba/apps  
    browsable = yes  
    writable = yes  
    guest ok = yes  
    guest only = yes  
    read only = no
```

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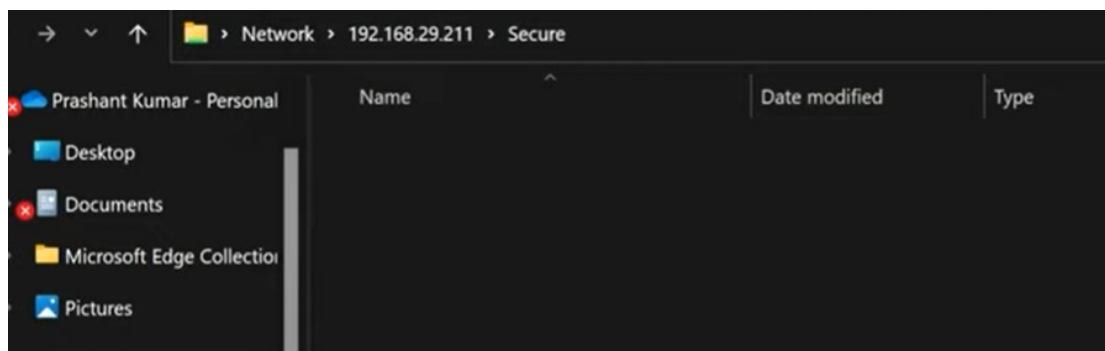
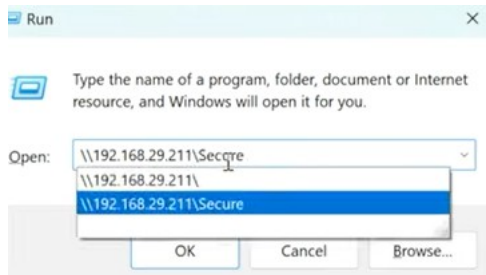
```
[Apps]  
    comment = Shared Dir  
    path = /samba/apps  
    browsable = yes  
    writable = yes  
    guest ok = yes  
    guest only = yes  
    read only = no
```

```
[Secure]  
    path = /samba_secure  
    valid users = @smbgrp  
    guest ok = no  
    writable = yes  
    browsable = yes
```

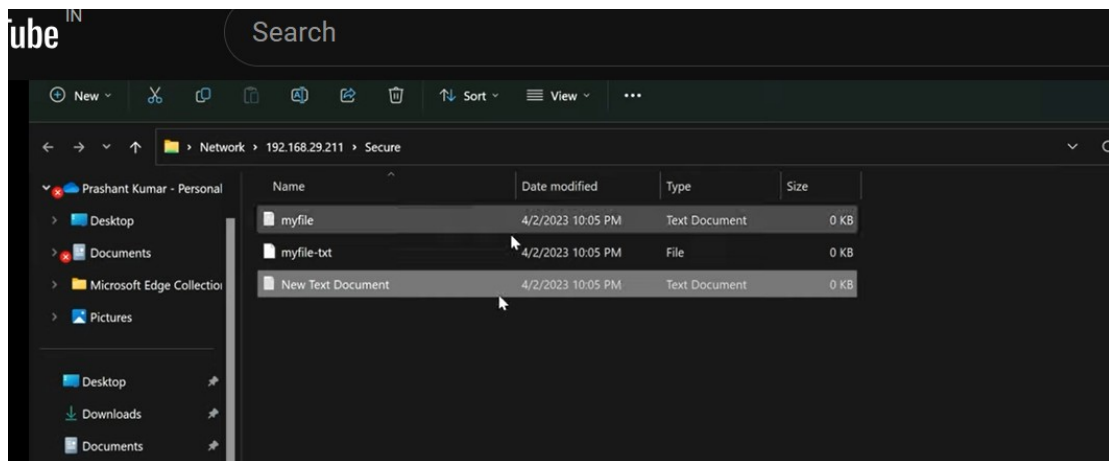
```
:wq
```

```
[root@cs-server /]# systemctl restart smb.service nmb.service  
[root@cs-server /]#
```

Windows + R / run cmd



```
[root@cs-server /]#  
[root@cs-server /]# cd samba_secure/  
[root@cs-server samba_secure]# ls  
[root@cs-server samba_secure]# touch myfile-txt  
[root@cs-server samba_secure]# touch myfile.txt  
[root@cs-server samba_secure]# ls  
myfile-txt  myfile.txt  
[root@cs-server samba_secure]#
```



```
[root@cs-server samba_secure]# ls
myfile.txt  'New folder'
myfile.txt  'New Text Document.txt'
[root@cs-server samba_secure]#
```

